Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

September 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent between August 2008 and September 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period

In Saskatchewan, the September All-items Index increased from August 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, women's clothing and mortgage interest cost. Prices also rose for furniture, food purchased from restaurants, personal care supplies and equipment, and other lessons, courses, and education services.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, intercity transportation, and housing replacement cost. Prices also fell for bakery products, other food preparations, fresh vegetables, and non-alcoholic beverages.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.4 percent between September 2007 and September 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.7 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The September All-items Index increased from September 2007 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, mortgage interest cost, and housing replacement cost. Prices also rose for rent, food purchased from restaurants, bakery products, and other owned accommodation expenses.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, natural gas, and the purchase and leasing of recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services excluding recreational vehicles, home entertainment equipment, parts, and services, womens' clothing, and prescribed medicines.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Sept. 2008	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2008 to Sept. 2008	Sept. 2007 to Sept. 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.3	117.0	0.3	3.4
Food	116.6	117.1	-0.4	5.6
Shelter	135.8	135.8	0.0	6.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.4	101.5	0.9	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	96.7	94.0	2.9	-0.8
Transportation	118.5	118.4	0.1	2.2
Health and Personal Care	107.1	106.6	0.5	0.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.7	104.4	0.3	0.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.3	129.1	0.2	2.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.8	113.8	0.0	2.5
Energy	150.1	147.4	1.8	10.4
CANADA				
All-Items	115.7	115.6	0.1	3.4
Food	117.1	116.8	0.3	5.6
Shelter	123.1	123.8	-0.6	4.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.6	104.4	1.1	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	96.1	93.7	2.6	-1.3
Transportation	122.4	123.1	-0.6	4.7
Health and Personal Care	109.4	109.3	0.1	1.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.9	103.5	0.4	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.0	127.5	0.4	1.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.0	111.7	0.3	1.9
Energy	161.5	164.0	-1.5	18.2
REGINA				
All-Items	116.9	116.4	0.4	3.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.3	118.1	0.2	3.4

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Aug. 2008 to Sept. 2008	Sept. 2007 to Sept. 2008
Canada	0.1	3.4
Newfoundland	0.3	4.6
Prince Edward Island	0.8	5.5
Nova Scotia	-0.1	4.2
New Brunswick	0.3	2.4
Quebec	0.4	3.2
Ontario	0.3	3.7
Manitoba	0.2	3.0
Saskatchewan	0.3	3.4
Alberta	-1.0	2.8
British Columbia	0.1	3.3
Whitehorse	-0.5	3.6
Yellowknife	0.3	5.0
Iqaluit	-0.3	2.6

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Aug. 2008 to Sept. 2008	Sept. 2007 to Sept. 2008
St. John's	0.4	4.6
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.8	5.2
Halifax	-0.1	3.7
Saint John	0.2	2.3
Quebec City	0.4	3.1
Montreal	0.4	3.1
Ottawa	0.2	3.7
Toronto	0.2	3.7
Thunder Bay	0.3	3.6
Winnipeg	0.1	3.0
Regina	0.4	3.7
Saskatoon	0.2	3.4
Edmonton	-1.1	2.7
Calgary	-1.0	3.2
Vancouver	0.1	3.5
Victoria	0.1	2.9
Whitehorse	-0.5	3.6
Yellowknife	0.3	5.0
Iqaluit	-0.3	2.6

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